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Docket No.: 1232-4667



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : Atsushi OTANI
Serial No. : 09/747,901 Group Art Unit : 2622
Filed : December 22, 2000 Examiner: TBA
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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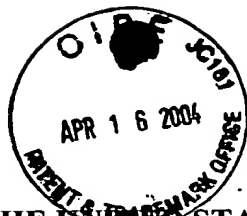
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Payments	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims*	21- 20 =	21	0	\$18.00/ \$9.00	\$ 0
Independent Claims	3- 3 =	3	0	\$86.00/ \$43.00	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$290.00 to additional fee (\$145.00 for small entity).				\$ 0
TOTAL					\$ 0

*Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

- ☐ Small entity status is or has been claimed.
 Reduced Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) paid herewith \$_____
- ☐ _____ Pages Sequence Listing
- ☐ _____ Computer disk(s) containing substitute Sequence Listing

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- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is attached.
- ☐ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. _____. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4667. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: April 13, 2004

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